

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently amended) A method for the treatment of Recurrent Oral Aphthous Ulcers (ROAU)~~and for preventing the occurrence of new recurrent oral aphthous ulcers (ROAU) consisting of comprising~~ administering, as the sole active ingredient, hyaluronic acid or a salt thereof, having an average molecular weight comprised between 800,000 and 4,000,000, to a subject in need thereof.

8. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 7, wherein the hyaluronic acid is administered in the form of sodium salt.

9. (Previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein said hyaluronic acid sodium salt is topically administered.

10. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein said hyaluronic acid is administered in the form of topical compositions containing sodium hyaluronate in concentrations between 0.01 and 10% by weight on the total weight of the compositions.

11. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 10, characterised in that said concentration is between 0.01 and 5% by weight on the total weight of the composition.

12. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 7 wherein said average molecular weight of hyaluronic acid is between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000.
13. (New) The method according to claim 7, wherein the treatment of Recurrent Oral Aphthous Ulcers (ROUS) comprises the reduction of occurrence of new aphthous ulcers.